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SUBJ: JORDAN'S PETROLEUM SUPPLIES

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1. JORDAN'S SUPPLY OF CRUDE PETROLEUM COMES EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE PIPELINE OPERATED BY TRANS-ARABIAN PIPELINE COMPANY--TAPLINE. COMPANY HAS NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR OIL DELIVERIES SINCE 1972 AND NEGOTIATIONS ON PRICE OF OIL ARE STILL PENDING (REFTEL). JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY COMPANY, COUNTRY'S ONLY REFINER AND DISTRIBUTOR, CONTINUES TO PAY FOR CRUDE AT OLD PRICE OF \$1.95 PER BARREL. THESE FUNDS ARE HELD IN GOJ ACCOUNT FROM WHICH TAPLINE FEES ARE DEDUCTED. ACCORDING TO LOCAL TAPLINE REP., GOJ NOW OWES ABOUT \$10 MILLION FOR OIL DELIVERIES.

2. GOJ BUDGET DIRECTOR RECENTLY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE FUTURE SETTLEMENT WITH TAPLINE. PAYMENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAPLINE WILL APPARENTLY DENY HIM USE OF FUNDS IN TAPLINE

ACCOUNT WHICH HE HAS USED TO COVER CASH SHORTAGES.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, TAPLINE
DECIDED TO DELAY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOJ UNTIL NEW PRICE AGREED
WITH LEBANESE. RECENT REQUEST FROM JORDANIAN REFINERY
COMPANY TO INCREASE DELIVERIES OF CRUDE RAISED PRICE QUESTION.
JORDANIANS WANT DELIVERIES INCREASED FROM 2,300 TO 3,000
BARRELS DAILY. BECAUSE OIL DELIVERIES AT SIDON ARE DOWN,
ONLY AROUND 100,000 BARRELS PER DAY, OR ONE-FIFTH OF TAPLINE
CAPACITY, PRESSURE IN PIPELINE TOO LOW TO EXPAND DELIVERIES TO
LOCAL REFINERY WITHOUT INSTALLING BOOSTER PUMP. TAPLINE'S
REFUSAL TO INSTALL PUMP UNTIL NEW PRICE AGREED MAY SPEED RE-
SUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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